

State Interagency Council (SIAC) for Services to Children with an Emotional Disability FY2013

MISSION of the State Interagency Council (SIAC):

“Promoting healthy children across Kentucky: Building a collaborative System of Care to promote children’s social, emotional and behavioral well-being where they live, learn and play.”

SIAC OVERVIEW

Representative Tom Burch spearheaded the drive for statewide implementation of the program by sponsoring successful legislation in the 1990 General Assembly, resulting in the creation of **Kentucky Interagency Mobilization for Progress in Adolescent and Child Treatment (KY IMPACT)**. **The new law established the State Interagency Council for Services to Children with an Emotional Disability (SIAC), as well as the Regional (RIACs) and Local Interagency Councils (LIACs) to oversee and carry out the work of KY IMPACT in all 120 counties of the state. The structure and areas of responsibility for each Council is defined in Kentucky Revised Statutes 200:501-509.**

SIAC was established as a structure for coordinated policy development, comprehensive planning, and collaborative budgeting for services to children with an emotional disability or severe emotional disability and their families (per KRS 200.501).

The State Interagency Council for Services to Children with an Emotional Disability (SIAC) is a statutorily created body of state agency administrators and the parent of a child with an emotional disability who oversee coordinated policy development, comprehensive planning and collaborative budgeting for services to children with emotional disabilities. (KRS 200.501-509) In 2009 a youth representative with an emotional disability was added to the council by executive order. In 2010 the SIAC recognized the necessity of including the expertise of the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs and added their membership by unanimous vote.

Kentucky IMPACT is administered at the state level by the SIAC and on the local level by 18 RIACs within the 15 area development districts. Some of the larger regions also have established Local Interagency Councils (LIAC) in order to better serve children, adolescents and families who request the services of KY IMPACT. The primary goal of the KY IMPACT program is to coordinate local and state resources to serve children with emotional disabilities in their own homes, schools and communities, and to avoid costly, unnecessary out-of-home placements. Sometimes the best medicine is a home remedy, especially if it means keeping a child with a severe emotional disability out of a psychiatric hospital or other restrictive treatment facility. Although some children do require hospitalization, most children have a better chance of doing their best when they receive care at or near their home, surrounded by a loving family and supportive community. IMPACT helps create and coordinate services that allow a child with an emotional disability to receive care at home or in their community.

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SIAC MEMBERSHIP and APPOINTMENT

1) Per KRS 200.505, Commissioners or Executive Directors of the following agencies must serve on the SIAC:

- Department for Community Based Services
- Department for Juvenile Justice
- Department for Public Health
- Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities
- Department for Medicaid Services
- Administrative Office of the Courts
- Department of Education
- Family Resource and Youth Services Centers
- Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs

Each member must designate a department alternate to serve in the absence of the member: Each SIAC Member (including Commissioners or Executive Directors) shall appoint one designee to represent him or her in the event he/she cannot attend a meeting. The appointment of the designee shall be in writing (electronic communication is acceptable). A designee will have the full rights and responsibilities of the official member. It is encouraged that in the event that the Member or their designee cannot attend, a non-voting representative of their agency/entity will attend. In this case the representative will not be considered when determining a quorum for a vote. The SIAC Members (including Commissioners or Executive Directors) are required to attend, at minimum, the Commissioner-level meetings which are held twice a year

2) Per KRS 200.505, the Governor shall appoint one (1) parent of a child with an emotional disability, who is a consumer of state-funded services for children with an emotional disability to serve as a member of the council, and one (1) parent who meets the same criteria to serve as the parent member's alternate to serve in the absence of the parent member.

3) Youth Member (Executive Order)

A youth, between the age of fourteen (14) up to age twenty-five (25), representative recommended by the Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children Statewide Youth Council and confirmed by the SIAC shall be a permanent voting member of the SIAC. The youth member shall be a youth who has a mental health or co-occurring (mental health/substance abuse) disorder and who is or has been a consumer of state-funded services for youth with an emotional disability; and a youth who meets the same criteria shall serve as the youth representative's alternate and may participate in all council meetings but shall vote only in the absence of the youth member.